Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:
Please CANCEL claims 49 - 51, 56, 57, 60 and 61.
Please AMEND claims 52, 55 and 58 as indicated below.

For ease of reading, claims *53, 54 and 59*, which have been neither canceled nor amended, are presented below in bold to assist the examiner in reading all of the currently pending claims.

52.   (AMENDED) A method for performing a lottery ticket transaction at a point-of-sale terminal, comprising:
        calculating a change amount of a merchandise transaction;
        providing a prompt for a lottery ticket in exchange for the change amount;
        receiving a request to purchase a lottery ticket in exchange for the change amount;
        transmitting a request for a lottery ticket, the request including the change amount;
        receiving lottery ticket information that is based on the change amount; and
        printing the lottery ticket information on a receipt if the request to purchase a lottery
ticket in exchange for the change amount is received, the lottery ticket information including a
plurality of lottery numbers.

53.   **The method of claim 52, further comprising:**
        generating merchandise information;
        and in which the step of printing comprises:
        printing the lottery ticket information and the merchandise information on the
receipt.

54.   **The method of claim 52, in which the lottery ticket information comprises at least
one of a price, an authentication code, and a plurality of lottery numbers.**

55.   (AMENDED) An apparatus for performing a lottery ticket transaction, comprising:
        a processor; and
        a memory connected to the processor,
        the memory storing executable program instructions,
        the processor operative with the program instructions to
                calculate a change amount of a merchandise transaction,
                provide a prompt for a lottery ticket in exchange for the change amount,
                receive a request to purchase a lottery ticket in exchange for the change amount,
                transmit a request for a lottery ticket,
                receive lottery ticket information that is based on the change amount, and
                print the lottery ticket information on a receipt if the request to purchase a lottery
ticket in exchange for the change amount is received, the lottery ticket information including a
plurality of lottery numbers.

58.   (AMENDED) A method for performing a lottery ticket transaction at a point-of-sale terminal, comprising:

receiving a request for a lottery ticket[, the request including a change amount];

calculating a change amount of a merchandise transaction;

providing a prompt for a lottery ticket in exchange for the change amount;

receiving a request to purchase a lottery ticket in exchange for the change amount;

calculating a fractional amount of a full lottery ticket, the full lottery ticket having a full price, the fractional amount being based on the change amount and the full price; and

storing in a database, if the request to purchase a lottery ticket in exchange for the change amount is received, an indication of the fractional amount and an indication of the full lottery ticket, the indication of the full lottery ticket including a plurality of lottery numbers

59.   The method of claim 58, further comprising:

generating an authentication code based on the fractional amount and the full lottery ticket.